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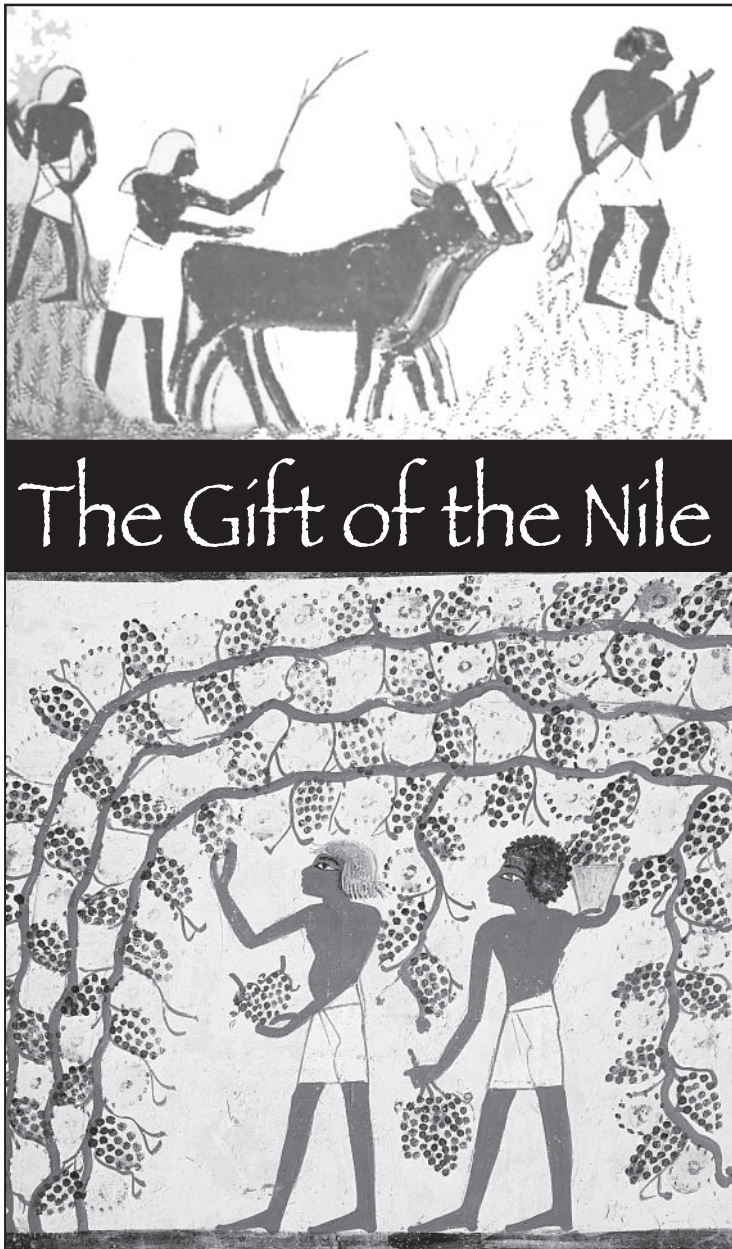
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Directions

Look at the Egyptian tomb paintings and read the paragraph below. Then use your own knowledge and the information to do Numbers 1 through 3.



The Greek historian Herodotus referred to Egypt as “the gift of the Nile.” Annual flooding by the Nile River deposited new, fertile soil on the farmers’ fields. The regularity of this flooding prompted the Egyptians to create a calendar with 365 days. The consistent northward current and southward winds made the river a reliable transportation system. The Nile was a major source of water for washing, for drinking, and for irrigating fields. It also provided reeds and mud for building, and fish for eating.

1 Egypt is called the “gift of the Nile” because the Nile River is

- ☐ the origin of the rain forest
- ☐ a direct route to the silk trade
- ☐ the source of life in the region
- ☐ a waterway that was used by Herodotus

2 The Egyptians made a lasting contribution to mathematics through the creation of

- ☐ the abacus
- ☐ a calendar
- ☐ gunpowder
- ☐ porcelain pottery

3 Identify the two gifts of the Nile that produced the results shown in the paintings.

1. _____
2. _____

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Directions

Use your own knowledge and the passage below to do Numbers 17 and 18.

We are called a democracy [because power] is in the hands of the many and not the few. . . . When it is a question of putting one person before another in positions of public responsibility, what counts is not membership of a particular class, but the actual ability which the man possesses. . . . We are prevented from doing wrong by respect . . . for the laws.

—Pericles, a government leader in Athens, Greece, in approximately 450 B.C.

17 Based on the passage, which of these activities would MOST LIKELY have occurred in Athens during the time of Pericles?

- ☐ A king issues an order.
- ☐ A citizen holds public office.
- ☐ The government bans minority opinions.
- ☐ The government imposes a law without legislative approval.

18

Fill in the chart below to provide examples of the way government operates in the United States that are consistent with the statements by Pericles.

Statement by Pericles	Examples of the way government operates in the United States that are consistent with the statements by Pericles
We are called a democracy [because power] is in the hands of the many and not the few.	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
When it is a question of putting one person before another in positions of public responsibility, what counts is not membership of a particular class, but the actual ability which the man possesses.	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

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Session: 1
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Content Standard(s): 2b
Process Standard(s): 1.5

Stem:

Identify the two gifts of the Nile that produced the results shown in the paintings.

Description of a top score-point response:

The student states the two “gifts of the Nile” that produced the results shown in the paintings.

Example of a top score-point response:

- soil for farmers’ fields/fertile soil
- source of water for irrigation

Other acceptable responses may include:

- grapes/fruit
- wheat/grain
- source of water for drinking
- source of water for cleaning

Scoring Guide:

1 point Complete response: two plausible responses

0 points Other

Fill in the chart below to provide examples of the way government operates in the United States that are consistent with the statements by Pericles.

Statement by Pericles	Examples of the way government operates in the United States that are consistent with the statements by Pericles
We are called a democracy [because power] is in the hands of the many and not the few.	U.S. citizens are allowed to vote for the people who will represent them in government, such as senators and legislators who decide to pass laws and make bills.
When it is a question of putting one person before another in positions of public responsibility, what counts is not membership of a particular class, but the actual ability which the man possesses.	All governors, Presidents, and other representatives, must be of a certain age and already have a knowledge of government, and they must be U.S. citizens.

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Session 1

Item 18

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Score Point: 2 - Anchor

Student provides two valid examples of the way government operates in the United States that are consistent with the statement by Pericles with one example for each sentence:

1. All eligible citizens may vote for public office.
2. United States citizens seeking government positions must have the necessary qualifications, rather than a particular socioeconomic background.

Example of a top score-point response:

Statement by Pericles	Examples of the way government operates in the United States that are consistent with the statements by Pericles
We are called a democracy [because power] is in the hands of the many and not the few.	<i>All eligible citizens in the United States may vote in public elections, thus exercising their right to participate in the democracy.</i>
When it is a question of putting one person before another in positions of public responsibility, what counts is not membership of a particular class, but the actual ability which the man possesses.	<i>United States citizens seeking government positions must have the necessary qualifications, rather than a particular socioeconomic background.</i>

Other acceptable responses may include:First sentence:

- In the United States, the government represents all citizens, rather than a select few.
- We have a government “of the people, by the people, for the people.”
- Power is distributed between three branches of government.
- All citizens may participate in government decision-making, not just a few.

Second sentence:

- In the United States, people obtain elective office by public election, rather than by class standing.
- People have the opportunity to choose the most qualified candidate for office.
- Job candidates may not be discriminated against based on race, gender, social status, age, religion, or political party (as in the case of permanent government employees who are not appointed by elected officials).

Scoring Guide:

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| 2 points | Complete response: two examples of the way government operates in the United States that are consistent with the statements by Pericles, one example for each sentence |
| 1 point | Minimal response: one example of the way government operates in the United States that is consistent with one of the statements by Pericles |
| 0 points | Other |